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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN JOSE DIVISION

14 IpLearn, LLC,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 Click2learn.com, Inc.,

18 Defendant.

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1 **COMPLAINT**

2 For Plaintiff IpLearn, LLC's Complaint against Defendant Click2learn.com, Inc.,
3 Plaintiff, by and through its attorneys, alleges the following:
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5 **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS OF THE**
6 **COMPLAINT**

7 **NATURE OF THIS ACTION**

8 1. This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the
9 United States, 35 U.S.C. §§101 *et seq.*, including 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.
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11 **THE PARTIES**

12 2. IpLearn, LLC ("IpLearn" or "Plaintiff") is a corporation organized under the laws
13 of California with its principal place of business in this district located at 1807 Limetree
14 Lane, Mountain View, California, 94040.

15 3. Upon information and belief, Defendant Click2learn.com, Inc. ("Click2learn" or
16 "Defendant") is a corporation doing business in this district organized under the laws of the
17 State of Delaware with a regular and established place of business at 2955 Champion Way,
18 Suite #192, Tustin Ranch, California 92782, and its principal place of business at 110 110th
19 Ave NE, Bellevue, Washington 98004.
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21 **JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND INTRADISTRICT VENUE**

22 4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction by virtue of 28 U.S.C. §§1331 and
23 1338. Venue in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391 and 1400.

24 5. This action is properly assigned to the San Jose Division of this Court under Civil
25 Local Rule 3-2(c) because a substantial part of the events or omissions which give rise to the
26 claims stated herein occurred, and a substantial part of the property that is the subject of this
27 action is situated in San Jose, in that Plaintiff is located in Mountain View, California, in this
28 Division.

COUNT 1—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 5,779,486

6. On July 14, 1998, U.S. Patent No. 5,779,486 (“the ‘486 patent”), entitled “Methods and Apparatus to Assess and Enhance a Student’s Understanding in a Subject,” was duly and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho and Peter P. Tong by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit A).

7. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the ‘486 patent, including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

8. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing one or more claims of the ‘486 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server (“LCMS”), the ASPEN™ Learning Management Server (“LMS”), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom Server (“VCS”), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

9. Upon information and belief, Click2learn’s acts constitute direct and/or contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the ‘486 patent in violation of the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

10. By reason of Click2learn’s acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

11. Upon information and belief, Click2learn’s infringing activities have been and continue to be deliberate and willful. This allegation is specifically identified as one which is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

COUNT 2—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 5,934,909

12. On August 10, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 5,934,909 (“the ‘909 patent”), entitled “Methods and Apparatus to Assess and Enhance a Student’s Understanding in a Subject,”

1 was duly and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho and Peter P. Tong by the United States Patent and
2 Trademark Office (Exhibit B).

3 13. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '909 patent,
4 including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

5 14. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing
6 one or more claims of the '909 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the
7 United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least
8 the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity
9 Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server ("LCMS"), the
10 ASPEN™ Learning Management Server ("LMS"), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom
11 Server ("VCS"), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

12 15. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's acts constitute direct and/or
13 contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the '909 patent in violation of the patent
14 laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

15 16. By reason of Click2learn's acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering,
16 and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from
17 continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

18 17. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's infringing activities have been and
19 continue to be deliberate and willful. This allegation is specifically identified as one which
20 is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation
21 or discovery.

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23 **COUNT 3—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 6,118,973**

24 18. On September 12, 2000, U.S. Patent No. 6,118,973 ("the '973 patent"), entitled
25 "Methods and Apparatus to Assess and Enhance a Student's Understanding in a Subject,"
26 was duly and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho and Peter P. Tong by the United States Patent and
27 Trademark Office (Exhibit C).

28 19. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '973 patent,

including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

20. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing one or more claims of the '973 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server ("LCMS"), the ASPEN™ Learning Management Server ("LMS"), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom Server ("VCS"), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

21. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's acts constitute direct and/or contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the '973 patent in violation of the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

22. By reason of Click2learn's acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering, and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

23. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's infringing activities have been and continue to be deliberate and willful. This allegation is specifically identified as one which is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

COUNT 4—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 6,126,448

24. On October 3, 2000, U.S. Patent No. 6,126,448 ("the '448 patent"), entitled "Computer-Aided Learning Methods and Apparatus for a Job," was duly and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho and Peter P. Tong by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit D).

25. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '448 patent, including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

26. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing one or more claims of the '448 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the

1 United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least
2 the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity
3 Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server ("LCMS"), the
4 ASPEN™ Learning Management Server ("LMS"), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom
5 Server ("VCS"), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

6 27. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's acts constitute direct and/or
7 contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the '448 patent in violation of the patent
8 laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

9 28. By reason of Click2learn's acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering,
10 and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from
11 continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

12 29. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's infringing activities have been and
13 continue to be deliberate and willful. This allegation is specifically identified as one which
14 is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation
15 or discovery.

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17 **COUNT 5—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 6,398,556**

18 30. On June 4, 2002, U.S. Patent No. 6,398,556 ("the '556 patent"), entitled
19 "Inexpensive Computer-Aided Learning Methods and Apparatus for Learners," was duly
20 and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho, John P. Del Favero, Jr. and Peter P. Tong by the United
21 States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit E).

22 31. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '556 patent,
23 including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

24 32. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing
25 one or more claims of the '556 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the
26 United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least
27 the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity
28 Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server ("LCMS"), the

1 ASPEN™ Learning Management Server (“LMS”), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom
2 Server (“VCS”), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

3 33. Upon information and belief, Click2learn’s acts constitute direct and/or
4 contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the ‘556 patent in violation of the patent
5 laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

6 34. By reason of Click2learn’s acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering,
7 and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from
8 continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

9 35. Upon information and belief, Click2learn’s infringing activities have been and
10 continue to be deliberate and willful. This allegation is specifically identified as one which
11 is likely to have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation
12 or discovery.

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14 **COUNT 6—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 6,685,478**

15 36. On February 3, 2004, U.S. Patent No. 6,685,478 (“the ‘478 patent”), entitled
16 “Inexpensive Computer-Aided Learning Methods and Apparatus for Learners,” was duly
17 and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho, John P. Del Favero, Jr. and Peter P. Tong by the United
18 States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit F).

19 37. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the ‘478 patent,
20 including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

21 38. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing
22 one or more claims of the ‘478 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the
23 United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least
24 the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity
25 Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server (“LCMS”), the
26 ASPEN™ Learning Management Server (“LMS”), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom
27 Server (“VCS”), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

28 39. Upon information and belief, Click2learn’s acts constitute direct and/or

1 contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the '478 patent in violation of the patent
2 laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

3 40. By reason of Click2learn's acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering,
4 and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from
5 continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

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7 **COUNT 7—PATENT INFRINGEMENT: US PATENT 6,688,888**

8 41. On February 10, 2004, U.S. Patent No. 6,688,888 ("the '888 patent"), entitled
9 "Computer-aided Learning System and Method," was duly and legally issued to Chi Fai Ho
10 and Peter P. Tong by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Exhibit G).

11 42. IpLearn is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the '888 patent,
12 including the right to sue and collect damages for past infringement.

13 43. Upon information and belief, Click2Learn has infringed and is now infringing
14 one or more claims of the '888 patent by making, using, offering to sell, or selling within the
15 United States and/or importing into the United States the claimed subject matter in at least
16 the form of a product referred to by Click2Learn as the ASPEN™ Enterprise Productivity
17 Suite, including at least the ASPEN™ Learning Content Management Server ("LCMS"), the
18 ASPEN™ Learning Management Server ("LMS"), and the ASPEN™ Virtual Classroom
19 Server ("VCS"), all without the authorization or consent of IpLearn.

20 44. Upon information and belief, Click2learn's acts constitute direct and/or
21 contributory and/or inducement of infringement of the '888 patent in violation of the patent
22 laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. §§271 and 281-285.

23 45. By reason of Click2learn's acts alleged herein, IpLearn has suffered, is suffering,
24 and will continue to suffer irreparable damage, and unless Click2learn is restrained from
25 continuing its wrongful acts, the damage to IpLearn will continue.

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27 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

28 **WHEREFORE**, IpLearn seeks judgment and relief against Click2learn including:

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1 1. a permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Click2learn and its agents,
2 attorneys, servants, successors, assigns, employees and all those in privity or in active
3 concert and participation with them, or any of them, from infringing the '486 patent, the
4 '909 patent, the '973 patent, the '448 patent, the '556 patent, the '478 patent, and the '888
5 patent;

6 2. entry of judgment for damages together with prejudgment interest, to compensate
7 IpLearn for the infringement by Click2learn of the patent rights of IpLearn;

8 3. entry of judgment for up to treble the actual damages found or assessed by the
9 trier of fact, because of the willful nature of the infringement by Click2learn of the patent
10 rights of IpLearn;

11 4. entry of judgment for costs, expenses, and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by
12 IpLearn in prosecuting this action to vindicate its patent rights;

13 5. an assessment of costs, other expenses and such other and further relief as the
14 Court may deem just and proper.

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

IpLearn hereby demands a jury trial on all issues of its Complaint so triable.

DATED: February 18, 2004.

Respectfully,

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